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THE STATE OPENING OF PARLIAMENT TO-DAY.

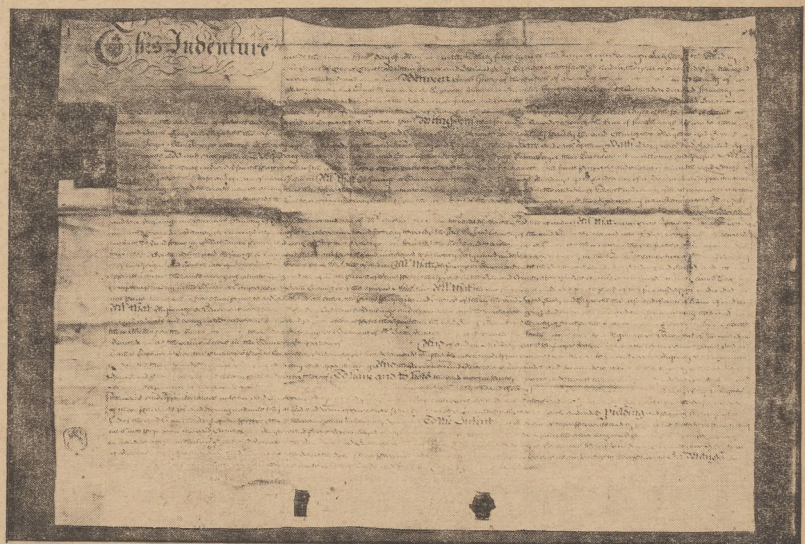


Their Majesties the King and Queen in the robes which they will wear when they attend the House of Lords for the state opening of Parliament to-day. The royal procession starts from Buckingham Palace at 1.30 to reach Westminster at two o'clock.—(Photographs by W. and D. Downey.)

VALUABLE DOCUMENT FOUND BEHIND AN OLD PICTURE AT MARGATE.



Mrs. Horn, of Byron-road, Margate, who accidentally discovered the document relating to the disposal of property of huge value.



This is the century-old "will" which has been found at Margate. It relates to the property of a noted smuggler, named Gisby, whose descendants are poor people in the Isle of Thanet. Legal views are that the document is simply a conveyance of property, and will not benefit the family.

OF PARLIAMENT.

King and Queen Go to Westminster in State.

WILL MINISTERS BE DEFEATED?

Dissolution the General Topic Among Reassembling M.Ps.

To-day the King goes in state to open Parliament.

His Majesty will leave Buckingham Palace at half-past one, arriving at the House of Lords at two o'clock.

His route will be along the following thoroughfares:—

The Processional road.	St. Margaret-street.
St. James's Park.	Old Palace-yard.
House Guards' Parade.	And
Whitehall.	Abingdon-street.
Parliament-street.	

The procession will pass the following points along the route at about the times given:—

Marlborough House	1.35
Duke of York's Steps	1.40
House Guards	1.40
Whitehall	1.50
Parliament-street	1.55

At half-past eleven general vehicular traffic will be stopped in all the thoroughfares through which the procession is to pass, and also at adjacent points.

No vehicle will be permitted on the line of route of the procession until his Majesty has passed the House Guards on the return to Buckingham Palace.

At 12.30 p.m. the five battalions of Foot Guards, in review order, will take up their positions along the line of route.

His Majesty's escort, which will be that of a field officer, will be furnished by the 1st Life Guards.

The royal salute of forty-one guns will be fired in St. James's Park by "Y" Battery Royal Horse Artillery, the first round when the King reaches the Houses of Parliament, his Majesty's arrival being signalled to the battery commander.

THE KING'S SPEECH.

There will be six carriages in all: four state vehicles conveying members of the suite (each carriage horsed by six bays), the Master of the Horse's carriage drawn by six "blacks," and the state coach (drawn by eight creams), occupied by the King and Queen.

It is expected that his Majesty's speech will this year be couched in terms as vague and general as possible.

Among the Bills promised for the session will doubtless figure the much-discussed Aliens Bill and the measure for dealing with the unemployed difficulty.

The ceremony, however, will soon be over. Then the work of the session will begin in grim earnest.

The first attack upon the Government is expected from within the ranks of its supporters, for Mr. Ian Malcolm will move as an amendment to the Address in replying that "the publication of the recent Blue-book on Tibet was mischievous and ill-judged."

This, however, is only the first of a number of amendments to be moved.

ATTACKS FROM ALL QUARTERS.

Major Seely's deals with the administration of the Army, Mr. Lough's with the Sugar Convention, and the Ulster members with Sir Antony Macdonnell's Home Rule tendencies.

None of these may lead to the Government's defeat and th much-propheesied dissolution.

But the fiscal question is admittedly one of supreme danger to the Government, and here Mr. Asquith will lead the attack. The person. Should this obstacle be surmounted, there remains the Labour amendment, which will have the full support of the Liberal opposition.

Mr. Herbert Gladstone has declared that the Government has but a month to live. On the other hand, the best that his warmest supporters can say is that Mr. Balfour will live through the session, if he contrives to weather the debate on the Address.

Six new members will be found in the House to-morrow. The youthful Lord Trenchard, the veteran Mr. Harry Marks, and the middle-aged and exceeding prosperous Mr. Harry Lawson will sit on the Unionist side; Mr. Cheetham, Mr. A. W. Wills, and Mr. T. Richards on the Liberal. Two seats will be vacant, no elections having yet taken place to fill the vacancies caused by the death of Mr. Leamy (North Kidderdale) and the elevation to the peerage of Mr. Graham Murray (Buteshire).

Lady Elizabeth Williamson opened the billiard-room of the new parish institute at Whitburn, Sunderland, by playing the first game.

Russia Disclaims Responsibility, but Will Offer Indemnity.

BRITISH VIEWS.

PARIS, Monday.—The North Sea Inquiry Commission held another public sitting to-day for the hearing of the British and Russian conclusions, which were read by Mr. O. Beirne and M. Nekudoff, the respective agents.

The Russian conclusions are as follows:—

That the firing carried out by the Russian squadron on the night of October 21 to 22 was ordered and carried out in the legitimate accomplishment of the military duties of a squadron commander.

Consequently no responsibility can be attributed to Admiral Rojestvensky nor any of his subordinates.

REPARATION OFFERED.

The Russian Government sincerely deplores that there should have been innocent victims of the incident.

Accordingly, the Government would be ready to indemnify the innocent victims of the fire of its squadron and to repair the damage done by proposing to refer the determination and the equitable distribution of the amount to a tribunal appointed for the purpose from among the members of the permanent Arbitration Court at The Hague.

"NO TORPEDO-BOAT PRESENT."

The British conclusions are as follows:—

1. That on the night of October 21-22, 1904, there was, in fact, no torpedo-boat or destroyer present among the British trawlers or in the neighbourhood of the Russian Fleet, and that the Russian officers were mistaken in their belief that such vessels were present or in the neighbourhood, or attacked or intended to attack the Russian Fleet.

2. (a) That there was no sufficient justification for opening fire at all.

(b) When opened there was a failure to direct and control the fire so as to avoid injury to the fishing fleet.

(c) The firing upon the fishing fleet was continued for an unreasonable time.

3. That those on board the Russian Fleet ought to have rendered assistance to the injured men and damaged vessels.

4. That there was no fault of any kind in the conduct of those on the British trawlers or those connected with their management.

PEACE IN THE AIR.

Tsar Reported To Be Considering Possibility of Negotiations.

PARIS, Monday.—The following appears in a St. Petersburg telegram published by the "Petit Parisien":—

"The question of peace no longer belongs to the domain of pure hypothesis. The Tsar is said to have consulted competent personages regarding the best way to conclude first an armistice and then a definitive understanding on conditions which would be neither too humiliating nor too onerous."

ARTILLERY DUEL IN MANCHURIA.

ST. PETERSBURG, Monday.—The following telegram of yesterday's date has been received from Sachetun:—

On the 10th the cannonade along the front was more furious than usual. Towards noon the Japanese artillery bombarded our village for four hours, after which a column of the enemy's infantry marched on Lamatun, but was dispersed by our artillery fire.

The Japanese stubbornly continue their sapping works, masking their operations by fires giving off thick smoke.

GRIPENBERG'S SUCCESSOR.

ST. PETERSBURG, Monday.—A telegram from Sachetun of yesterday's date announces that General Kaubars has taken the command of the Second Manchurian Army, retaining General Russki as his Chief of Staff.—Reuter.

600 ARRESTS IN WARSAW.

WARSAW, Monday.—Work was resumed to-day in some of the breweries and tanning-yards. Up to the present 600 persons have been arrested in connection with the strikes, 387 of whom have been released. The remainder are detained in custody.

144 BODIES BURIED AT LODZ.

WARSAW, Monday.—It is announced that as a result of the disturbances at Lodz 144 bodies have been buried in the cemeteries, while 200 persons are still lying wounded in hospitals. A number of the workmen at Lodz appeared at the factories this morning to resume work, but at ten o'clock again went on strike. The tramcar service has been suspended for the last sixteen days. The town is now quiet.—Reuter.

THE HALO.

What Is the Strange Light, and How Is It Caused?

PUZZLING MYSTERY.

Data for Speculators from Evidence of Eyewitnesses.

Can anyone explain the mystery of the strange light which accompanies Mrs. Mary Jones, the revival preacher, as she journeys through the secluded valley of the Mawddach?

Is it supernatural?
Is it "a sign from Heaven?"
Is it marsh gas or "will-o'-th'-wisp?"
Is it electric or St. Elmo's light?

These are some of the queries suggested by *Daily Mirror* readers. Others ask:—

Is it an "astral body" attempting to "materialise"?
Is it due to radium?
Is it "imagined" by Mrs. Jones and "induced" in others by "hypnotism"?
Is it a trick?

To assist speculators and investigators we recall some of the descriptions of the light already given: *Daily Mirror* correspondent:—

A soft, shimmering radiance flooded the road at our feet. It spread around us, and every stick and stone within twenty yards was visible, as if under the influence of the softest limelight.

It was a little suggestive of the bursting of a firework bomb, and yet wonderfully different.

"Daily Mail" correspondent:—

Suddenly I saw what appeared to be a ball of fire above the roof of the chapel. It had a steady, intense, yellow brilliance, and did not move.

Later two lights flashed out, one on each side of the chapel. They seemed about 100ft. apart, and considerably higher in the air than the first one. In the distance they looked like large and brilliant motor-car lights.

Just after half-past ten I was startled by a flash on the dark hill-side. It looked a solid ball of light 6in. in diameter, and was tiring to look at.

Mr. Beriah G. Evans, a Carnarvon journalist:—

Between us and the hills, and apparently two miles away, there suddenly flashed forth an enormous luminous star with an intensely brilliant white light, and emitting from its whole circumference dazzling sparklets like flashing rays from a diamond.

Another short half-mile, and a blood-red light, apparently within a foot of the ground, appeared to me in the centre of the village street just before us.

Some explanations have already been suggested, and Mr. G. Henry Sandwell, in the "Daily News," for instance, says:—

Mr. Beriah G. Evans never heard of or seen the "ignis fatuus" or "Will-o'-the-Wisp," a bright light of mephitic or electric origin? Mr. G. T. Charleson has this, say:—

The only explanation of this can be that the Spirit of God is working mightily through this humble-minded, Christian woman.

Mr. J. C. Halliday, Newcastle-on-Tyne, writes:—And I will show wonders in the heavens above.—Acts of the Apostles, chap. ii., v. 19. Great signs shall be there.—Luke, XXI., ii.

Mr. John B. Shipley:—Such appearances can no longer be swept away with a Podsnappian wave of the hand. Professor Charles Richet, the eminent Professor of Physiology at the University of Paris, has raised the study of them to the rank of a science under the sounding name of "metaphysics."

MYSTIC LIGHT CONVERT.

Sceptic Clergyman Testifies to Welsh Revival Miracle.

An extraordinary corroboration of the halo was given to the *Daily Mirror* in North Wales yesterday.

The story is told by a local clergyman, who regarded the whole affair as the outcome of superstition.

"I ought to tell you," he said to the *Daily Mirror*, "that, so far from being in sympathy with Mrs. Jones, I exhorted my congregation not to be led astray by any stories they might hear or anything they might think they saw."

"I shall never dare to do such a thing again. At seven o'clock I and my wife and a minister and his wife set out with Mrs. Jones from her house. We had just got outside the gate when we

"It was an irregular mass of white light. It travelled with lightning speed in the direction of Egryn Chapel, a mile away."

"Arrived there, it suddenly took the shape of a solid triangle with rounded angles. I should estimate the length of the sides as 5ft."

"Immediately over one corner of the chapel it hovered, and, in spite of the distance, we could see every plate on the roof."

"The inside of the triangle sparkled and flashed as if set with a thousand diamonds. The brilliance of it was almost terrible."

"For a moment, while we stared spellbound, the mystic light rested there, and then, like the lightning flashes, described in arc in the air and again settled on the opposite corner of the chapel."

"We all saw it, and the minister who was with us was so shaken that he was unable to work the following day."

HUGE BOTTLE OF RADIANCE.

Witnesses of unimpeachable character have told the *Daily Mirror* of the various forms in which the light has been seen. To one it has appeared as a huge red ball of fire. To another as a square of white light. To a third as a triangular, and then again in the form of a huge bottle suspended in mid-air, emitting from the neck a rainbow-hued mass of flame, which descended to the earth in a glorious shower.

Others have seen it in the form of three brilliant dots of blue light, which dart from one position to another, and immediately jump back again.

ADRIFT ON AN ICE-FLOE.

Friendly Wind Saves 150 Men from Death in the Open Sea.

A stirring story is related by the St. Petersburg "Novosti."

About 200 fishermen were on the ice in the Gulf of Finland, most of them being on horseback.

It was evening, and a strong wind had been blowing all day. Suddenly a loud report was heard, and the alarmed fishermen found that the field of ice on which they stood had parted from the shore ice and was quietly moving seawards.

About fifty of them got safely off the ice-floe. But the remaining hundred and fifty with their horses were carried to the open sea. They passed the whole night, says Lafan, between life and death.

But in the morning the wind changed its direction and brought the ice-floe back, driving it on to the shore ice again, when every man got away safely.

CREW'S FIGHT WITH FLAMES.

Damage to the amount of £25,000 was done by one outbreak of fire, occurring on the Aberdeen steamer Sophocles, which arrived at Plymouth yesterday.

Flames appeared when she was two days out from Albany, and 8,000 carcasses of sheep and 3,000 cases of butter were destroyed.

The crew had a desperate fight with the flames.

KAISER HONOURS GENIUS.

BERLIN, Monday.—By command of the Emperor, a funeral service for the late Professor Mendel was held at noon to-day in the rotunda of the old museum.

The coffin rested on a catafalque in the rotunda, which was draped in black, and upon it lay wreaths sent by the Emperor and Empress.

Their Majesties themselves sat before the catafalque, and afterwards followed the remains part of the way to the cemetery.—Reuter.

PORTER v. PRINCE.

DRESDEN, Monday.—Prince Kotchoubeff, a Russian nobleman, has been sentenced to 250 fine or sixty-seven days' imprisonment for having rudely assaulted the porter of a Dresden hotel.

On the Prince's request for something to read the porter brought him a copy of a satirical paper containing a cartoon uncomplimentary to Russia.—Laffan.

MILLIONAIRE'S CURIOUS METHODS.

NEW YORK, Monday.—Mr. Andrew Carnegie, in an interview, says he never needs to give people notes for money because of his habit of donating large sums of money for public purposes.

He keeps £2,000,000 where he can get at it without giving any previous notice, but, he says, upon his return home in 1903 he found himself indebted to his bankers to the extent of £45,000,000 on account of money which he had given for the endowment of public libraries.—Laffan.

ABSTAINERS AND "LONDON IN PARIS."

The committee of the London United Temperance Council consider it "most undesirable" that a licence should be held by the French syndicate who propose to pay £55,000 per annum for a pocket edition of Paris on the Aldwych site.

Sir Francis Jeune is recovering from his illness, and yesterday left Arlington Manor for his house in Harley-street, London.

ROMANCE OF THE £1,000,000 "WILL."

Is It Likely To Benefit the Kent
Coast Fishermen?

SOLICITOR'S OPINION.

Will the descendants of old Jacob Gisbey benefit by the document he executed in 1795, and which has recently come to light under such curious circumstances?

In Margate it seems taken for granted that the parchment is equivalent to a will, and that with it the title to a million pounds' worth of property passes to the Gisbey family.

On this point the *Daily Mirror* yesterday interviewed a well-known Margate solicitor, who has had an opportunity of examining the document.

"It is one of the old-fashioned conveyances by which property was transferred in those days," he said, "and consists of a lease for one year of some valuable property from Jacob and Elizabeth Gisbey to certain other persons for the nominal sum of five shillings.

"No doubt the actual release was made out the day after the lessee entered into possession, but that document is apparently missing.

This deed alone would not benefit Jacob Gisbey's descendants, nor aid them to recover the property he left.

Another gentleman who inspected the document says it contained a direction that on the death of Jacob Gisbey and Elizabeth, his wife, the lands should be sold and the proceeds equally divided in four shares between his four daughters respectively designated.

How It Was Found.

Mrs. Horn, who found the will and still retains it in her possession, told the *Daily Mirror* how it fell from the back of her picture, "Shoeing the Bay Mare," when she was dusting it.

"Even then I did not attach any value to it, and sent the old blue stamp off to keep as a curiosity.

"I intended to use the remainder of the parchment for tying up jam-pots; in the meantime my children played with it. It amused them because they could not tear it up.

"I never dreamed they were handling a deed that related to a million of money.

"In the course of conversation I mentioned my find to a neighbour, who told the Gisbeys, and they came up to see it at once."

Harry Gisbey, the caretaker of the Sailors' Rest in the Arcade, said:—

"I remember that my father, Thomas Gisbey, often used to speak of the land owned by his father, old Jacob, and expressed his belief that it would come to the family one day."

The oldest grandson is Aaron Gisbey, who lives near Sunderland, the next is James, who is a shipper at Sandwich, and I am the third."

Many Other Gisbeys.

The speaker, who is over seventy-five years of age, has served in the lifeboat for fifty years, and was the recipient of many congratulations and good wishes yesterday.

In all, there are thirty-five direct descendants of the old smuggler, Jacob Gisbey, in Whitstable, Margate, Ramsgate, and Sandwich.

The report of the discovery of the will has raised some consternation among builders in Ramsgate and Margate, who do not feel too secure in the title-deeds of much of the land upon which they have erected houses.

There is still a good deal of unclaimed land in both towns for which owners cannot be found.

INDESTRUCTIBLE CLOTHES.

For tearing up their clothing in the City of London Casual Ward two men were, at the Guildhall, yesterday sent to prison for five days.

The men appeared in the dock clad in suits of coarse canvas.

SHOT WHILE MILKING.

After being ordered off the land for poaching George Thipthorpe, a young Pittville labourer, is alleged to have shot with a gun a dairyman named Charles Chase while he was milking in a field.

Thipthorpe was charged at Southend yesterday with attempted murder and remanded.

SOLICITOR'S DOWNFALL.

Formerly a solicitor, and now a "dealer, having no fixed abode," Charles Martin Morley, sixty, was committed for trial at Marlborough-street yesterday on a charge of having stolen £35 worth of goods from a firm of auctioneers.

Morley has already been in prison four times.

By a fall of earth from an embankment on the L.B. and S.C.R. extension at Rotherhithe, yesterday, two labourers were buried, but escaped with severe bruises.

PRINCE AND HIS FUTURE BRIDE.

Kaiser Intervenes To Prevent a Breach
of Etiquette.

The Duchess Cecilia of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, fiancée of the German Crown Prince, was very near to causing a grave breach of etiquette by her impetuous conduct last week.

Hearing that her betrothed was about to visit Florence, she determined to give him a pleasant surprise.

In company with a lady-in-waiting she left Cannes on Sunday and engaged a suite of rooms at the Hotel de la Ville, immediately above those reserved for the Crown Prince.

The Prince's Chamberlain was horrified to find her comfortably installed there on his arrival and telegraphed to Berlin for instructions to deal with this gross breach of etiquette.

The Kaiser replied that such a thing could not be suffered, and the Duchess was constrained to move to the Grand Hotel before the arrival of the Crown Prince.

The pair spend their days very quietly, driving together or playing duets on violin and pianoforte. The two hotels are only separated by a few paces, and the Prince frequently takes dejeuner with his fiancée and her small suite at the Grand Hotel.

MOVER OF THE ADDRESS.



Mr. W. A. Mount, member of Parliament for South Berkshire, who will propose the Address in the House of Commons to-day, in reply to the Speech from the Throne. (Elliott and Fry.)

TO FIGHT CANCER.

£3,000 a Year Wanted To Continue the
Search for a Cure.

One person in every 1,500 in this country is liable to cancer—such is the alarming intelligence conveyed by the Blue-book on Cancer Research issued yesterday. Women are much less subject to the malady than males.

On the other hand, the natives in Africa, it is reported, are not liable to the disease at all.

Sir George White reports that in Gibraltar the chief danger arises from cigarette smoking, and the most favourable Colonial report is that from Mauritius, where a considerable number of cases were treated.

It is estimated that £3,000 a year is required by the Cancer Research Fund to pursue their valuable inquiries, and a special appeal is made to India and the Colonies to help the Mother-country in fighting the scourge.

FIREMEN'S SMARTEST DEED.

An award greatly prized by the London Fire Brigade was made yesterday to the Broadway (Hammersmith) firemen. It consists of the challenge cup for the "smartest job of the year," and was well won by the Hammersmith men on December 21, when, in a dense fog, which made it difficult to reach the fire, they fought a very threatening outbreak at the oil-mills close to Chiswick Epyot, and mastered it in less than twenty minutes.

PIGEON'S WONDERFUL VITALITY.

For six days, at Cumberlow House, South Norwood, the lighting of a fire was followed by a mysterious fall of soot.

On the sixth day a carrier pigeon, with its feathers slightly scorched, but otherwise unharmed, was found in the chimney.

£100,000 TO CHARITIES.

Many Hospitals Benefit by Suburban
Resident's Will.

GIFTS TO SERVANTS.

Mr. James Holmes Lucking, of The Pines, Streatham Hill, who died on November 23 last, left nearly £100,000 to public charities.

The gross value of his estate was £265,332, of which the net personally has been sworn at £259,053. To his nephews, Messrs. S. L. Malley and E. T. Malley, of Kilburn, Mr. Lucking bequeathed £25,000 each.

Mr. Lucking's bequests included £5,000 each to the Mansfield College at Oxford, the London Missionary Society, the British and Foreign Bible Society, and the Asylum for Fatherless Children at Redham.

HOSPITALS.

To each of the following hospitals Mr. Lucking left £2,000:—St. George's Hospital, the London St. Mary's, the Middlesex, the Hospital for Consumption at Brompton, the National Hospital for the Paralyzed, the Royal Hospital for Incurables at Putney Heath, and the British Home and Hospital for Incurables at Streatham.

The sum of £1,000 each was left to the following:—Charing Cross, Guy's, Gray's, Westminster, University College, East London, Shadwell, City of London, Evelina for Sick Children, Great Ormond-street Children's, Victoria Hospital for Children, Brompton Cancer, and Royal London Ophthalmic.

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS.

To each of the following £2,000 was left:—London Congregational Union, London Orphan Asylum, Asylum for Idiots at Earlswood, National Lifeboat Institution; and £1,000 to the Hackney College (Theological Seminary).

OLD SERVANTS.

To his gardener, Mark Wakeley, £500; his servant, Thomas Hocken, £200; and £100 each to his cook and housemaid if they had been for seven years in his service.

PEERESS "STAR."

Lady Haldon Expresses Pleasure at Returning
to the Stage.

"The sketch is brilliantly written," remarked Lady Haldon to the *Daily Mirror* yesterday when referring to "The Sporting Duchess," in which she is shortly to appear at a West End music-hall.

"There are four parts, but three of them are for men. I am looking forward to playing in it. I am glad to get back to the stage, for I have very pleasant memories of my engagement at Drury Lane, under Sir Augustus Harris, some years ago.

Lady Haldon, it will be remembered, is of Russian extraction. She was Mile. Lidiane Amalia Czesczka Maichle, daughter of Colonel Jacob William Maichle, formerly of the Russian Army.

She married Lord Haldon in 1893, just ten years before he succeeded to the peerage.

Not long ago she revisited her home in Russia, and says she was much impressed by the unhappiness and general discontent of the Tsar's subjects. Recently she contributed a series of letters on "Russia in War-time" to a London paper.

DISMISSED FOR LAUGHING.

A Beckenham hotel proprietor, who discharged a groom on Sunday because he laughed when a cabdriver ran into the coachhouse door, was asked at Bromley Police Court yesterday whether he objected to laughter on the Sabbath.

The groom successfully summoned the publican for a week's wages. The defendant was also fined 5s. for a technical assault.

BURGLARS' USE FOR AN UMBRELLA.

Two burglars of Glasgow have discovered a new use for an umbrella.

They bored a hole through the floor of a room above a shop, and putting the umbrella through, opened it out and so caught the falling plaster. They secured twenty-two bottles of whisky and fourteen boxes of cigars.

PRISON FOR "DISHONEST CANT."

Exhibiting a card stating that he was an ex-soldier with a distinguished career, discharged without a pension, William Carpenter begged for alms in Kilburn.

Yesterday the Marylebone magistrate, after remarking that he had seldom listened to more dishonest cant, sent Carpenter to prison for two months.

Eighty priests from the Liverpool diocese paid solemn tribute yesterday at St. Peter's, Lancaster, to the memory of Dr. Preston, Auxiliary Roman Catholic Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle-on-Tyne.

PENSION TEA SUFFERERS.

Searching Official Inquiry To Be Made
Into the Company's Affairs.

Much more will soon be heard of the Nelson Tea Pensions. An inquiry is afoot of the most thorough and searching description, and the examination by the Official Receiver is expected to lay bare many things that will excite public interest.

A big meeting of creditors will be held shortly. There are 320,000 creditors—actual widows and those who would be entitled to a pension if they became widows.

Local relief funds have been started in provincial towns, and a metropolitan fund is under consideration, with an influential committee to take charge of it.

Even £10,000 would, it is felt, greatly alleviate distress in the most acute cases.

The tragedy of the Nelson collapse is the fact that the widow customers regarded the purchasing of tea as equivalent to insurance—a form of old-age pensions. On this understanding they gladly paid much more for the tea than it was worth, knowing well what they were doing.

At the Nelson Tea Company's premises in City-road fifty hands are still at work, while the agents daily bring in from all parts their reports of business. Hundreds of the agents find themselves in the ranks of the unemployed, though many have got work in other "provident" companies.

"GOOSEPOND OF GOSSIP."

Lancashire Vicar Says Hard Things of His
Ering Flock.

"Our besetting sin is not drink. We gamble more than we drink, and lie more than we gamble," writes the Rev. J. H. Wigley, vicar of St. Mary's, Clitheroe, in his parish magazine.

"This vice," he continues, "is a veritable plague spot. There is no statement too wild, no scandal too extravagant, to obtain instant and implicit belief.

"There was a day when, if a disliked B, he shot him or cut him with a sword. In later days he beat him between the eyes with his fist, but to-day he went out into the street and lied about him."

"When a people delighted in what Lowell called 'the stagnant gosepond of village gossip' it is marked with the sign of corruption and decay. You cannot feed intellect upon garbage."

LIFEBOAT TURNS TURTLE.

Singular Incident on a First Attempt at
Rescue Service.

On her first trip to sea the new Hornsea lifeboat yesterday met with an extraordinary experience. She had gone out to the stranded trawler Drake, whose crew, however, refused to leave. As the lifeboat was about to return she capsized, the whole crew being thrown into the water with the exception of the coxswain, who went completely round in the boat.

Luckily the water at that point was only four feet deep, and no lives were lost, assistance having been promptly rendered from the beach.

RECORD FREIGHT OF GOLD.

La Champagne, which arrived at Havre yesterday, carried the largest freight of gold ever conveyed in a single shipment from New York to Europe.

Her freight was £1,826,000 worth of the precious metal, and all of it is going to Paris.

Gold exports from New York to France have gone up considerably in the last few days owing to the fear in Paris of a collapse in the finances of the Russian Government.

CELLS FOR TRAMP'S PARADISE.

Eleven thousand tramps visited Clitheroe Workhouse last year. It is known as the tramp's paradise, because it was easy for the inmates to drop over the wall into adjoining fields and escape without performing the task work.

The popularity of the house became embarrassing when guardians had to board out 2,500 men for whom they had no room, and they have therefore decided to adopt the cell system for vagrants to check the rush.

KILLED BY HIS OWN SAW.

Trying a new circular saw at Creve Works, Mr. Henry Parkinson met with a shocking death through the saw, when turning at the rate of three miles a minute, breaking and flying in various directions. One piece shattered his collar-bone and shoulder-blade, and another flew out of the works and fell 300 yards away.

how it is Successfully Fought in the World's Capitals.

LESSONS FROM ABROAD.

London, in its fight against smoke and fog, has invited information as to remedial steps taken against these evils in the capitals of the world.

The replies, issued yesterday in a Parliamentary paper, show the methods pursued in various parts of the world:—

NEW YORK: Drastic measures. Only smokeless fuel allowed. By the public health authorities smoke emission is dealt with as a nuisance. In all factories, foundries, coal-yards, etc., it is against the law to allow smoke, dust, gas, steam, or any offensive odour to escape to any person's detriment or annoyance.

CHICAGO: Has a chief smoke inspector, who sees that no chimney or smoke-stack emits a dense volume of smoke for longer than three minutes save when cleaning or lighting. Beyond this period it is considered a nuisance, and the offender is liable to be fined £20.

FRANCE: Matter dealt with by police ordinances since 1854. Prolonged emission of thick black smoke is forbidden, and the manufacturers are ordered to pay special attention to choice of fuel, stoking, and construction of stacks. That the present laws are effective is shown by the fact that in Paris complaints fell from 240 in 1899 to 84 in 1902.

GERMANY: Department of Trade and Industry encourages expert management of the furnaces, selection of fuel, and control of firemen. A sum of money is annually set aside for the instruction of firemen.

ITALY: Here electric power, generated by water to a great extent. The erection of factories exhaling smoke within certain distances of towns and cities is forbidden.

BELGIUM: In this country of many iron-works the height of chimneys is regulated, and the law authorities advise large gratings, properly placed furnaces, and careful stoking.

BUDAPEST: All furnaces using over 44lb. of coal per hour to be furnished with smoke-consuming appliances.

JAPANESE FISCAL CHAMPION.

A Noted Far East Statesman Favours Mr. Chamberlain's Scheme.

The opinions of Count Okuma, a former Prime Minister of Japan, upon Mr. Chamberlain's fiscal policy are naturally of considerable interest.

They were communicated by the Count himself to Mr. David Davies, a gentleman largely interested in Welsh collieries, who writes upon the subject from Tokio to the "Western Mail."

He represents Count Okuma as being a convinced free-trader, whose aim is to extend, not to restrict, the free trade area.

In Count Okuma's opinion Mr. Chamberlain's policy is not reactionary. On the contrary, it is a great reform which in the long run will inaugurate an era of universal free trade.

From the point of view of Great Britain herself, Count Okuma thinks that Mr. Chamberlain's policy is essential.

BURIED 27 YEARS.

Attempts to Recover the Bodies of Miners Entombed Since 1878.

Since September, 1878, the bodies of 150 miners have remained entombed in the old Abercromby Colliery pit, near Newport, Mon.

The development of work in the adjoining Prince of Wales Colliery has now caused the area of abandoned workings to come within the scope of mining operations.

It is believed by officials that as the work proceeds some of the bodies may be encountered.

On Sunday night an attempt was made to enter the workings after letting off the foul air, but afterwards remained, preventing any further progress. It will be possible within the next few days to proceed with the work, the result of which will be awaited with interest.

FISHING STREAMS DRYING UP.

Anglers are becoming alarmed at the water famine which is threatened in villages in the Midlands and the north, as year by year fishing waters are getting lower, and trout and other fish scarcer.

This is attributed to the sinking of wells by water companies, which divert the "head waters" of practically every important stream.

King Edward has promised to open the new wing of the Armstrong College, Newcastle.

In five months 770 children lost in Blackpool were restored to their parents by the police.

Nearly a hundred deaths from measles have occurred at Nottingham during the past six weeks. This state of affairs is without a parallel.

In the branches of a tree thirty-five feet from the ground a fine fox has made a home for himself on the Halmby Estate, Croft, near Darlington.

Two Yarmouth butchers entered into a sheep-dressing competition, and the winner had a sheep's carcass prepared for market in the very short time of four minutes ten seconds.

When next a strong gale rages in the North Sea the Kaiser's yacht Hohenzollern will steam out at full speed. This is for the purpose of testing her seaworthiness after recent alterations.

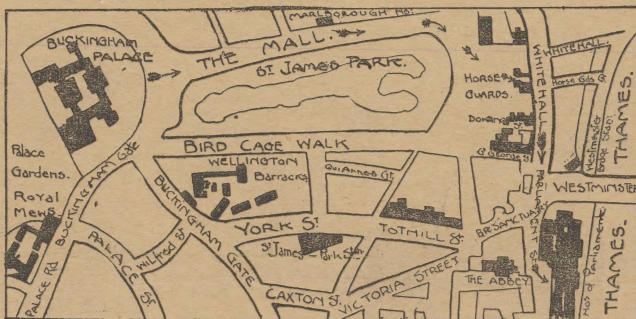
Net personally valued at £25,346 has been left by the late Rev. Walter Abbott, of Paddington Vicarage, who died in St. James's Church. Probate of his will has just been granted.

Wanting something more attractive than common swans, the Bradford Corporation has purchased Chinese geese, mandarin ducks, widgones, shiel-ducks, and white albinos to grace the lake at Lister Park.

Whereas Birmingham raises £18,000 per year for its hospitals, Manchester, only with strenuous efforts, collects £8,000 for similar institutions. Speaking in Manchester Cathedral, the Dean said this fact was becoming a scandal.

With the reopening of Parliament to-day many people will be interested in the fate of their petitions to the House. All such petitions are simply dropped into a big black bag hanging behind the Speaker's chair and never come to the notice of the House.

TO-DAY'S ROYAL PROCESSION.



Map showing the route which will be traversed to-day by their Majesties the King and Queen, when they drive to Westminster for the state opening of Parliament. The royal procession will start from Buckingham Palace and proceed to the House of Lords by way of the Mall, through the Horse Guards Parade, Whitehall, and Parliament-street, returning by the same route.

Two hundred and eighty-six rats were caught in a single hayrick at Lodge Farm, Sedgley, Staffs.

In the matter of a splendid service of passenger and cargo petrol-driven motor-boats, Timbuctoo, of the river Niger, is (says "Motoring Illustrated") ahead of London.

Two Swansea firemen, named Evans and Johnson, broke into St. James's Church and stole an alms dish. To do this they smashed a stained-glass window and the panels of the church door, and forced open a safe.

When the coffin containing an Italian child was placed at the graveside at High Wycombe yesterday the parents asked for the lid to be removed. This done, the corpse was kissed and embraced and addressed as though alive.

Thorianite, containing over 70 per cent. of thorium, a white, earthy substance used in making incandescent gas-mantles, may command at the present time as much as £30 per cwt. in the English market, says Professor W. R. Dunstan.

London Scottish Volunteers will shortly produce another Scottish play in the metropolis. Sergeant Tovey and Mr. S. H. Sime are the authors, and "Bonnie Prince Charlie" is the central figure in the play, which is a romantic drama of the "Forty-five."

The ss. Carmania, which will be launched from the Clyde on the 31st inst., will be the first Cunard liner to be propelled by steam turbines. Lady Blythwood, who will christen the boat, similarly officiated at the launch of the first single-screw Cunarder in 1868.

Four survivors of the crew of the barque Leopard, which was abandoned off the Scottish coast, were yesterday landed at North Shields by the trawler Icy Dien. Half of the Leopard's crew perished, the others being rescued only with difficulty in a blinding snowstorm.

"I shall not return home till I get quite well, and unless I improve I may be obliged to give up public life altogether," wrote Mr. W. Redmond, M.P., from Australia.

Many weddings have been postponed indefinitely in the Cleveland district of Yorkshire for the simple reason that a house famine exists.

"I never was at a worse town than Leeds for street noises," writes a Halifax correspondent commenting on the statement that Leeds is an ideally quiet place.

Ireland still holds its reputation for evictions. A return issued from Dublin Castle yesterday shows that 300 eviction notices were filed in the courts in three months.

In future, when navigating parties are ordered to his Majesty's ships, they are to take with them their bedding and hammocks, although the trial may last only a few hours.

At Llanerchymedd, Anglesey, an ex-smoker, has burnt a very valuable collection of pipes, tobacco pouches, and other smoker's requisites as a protest against the "evil habit of smoking."

A hare has just been captured in a busy street of Preston. Bewildered by its surroundings, it became entangled in some wire netting, and an astonished passer-by easily secured it.

Another valuable painting, supposed to be by Rembrandt, has been discovered in an old hotel at Egremont, Cumberland. It is in excellent condition, and probably of great value. It will be submitted to experts.

Curious was the dilemma fifteen brawny navvies found themselves in at Mold. Refused credit for food because they were strangers, they attended at the police station, cap in hand, to ask for advice. In the end the authorities prevailed on the men's employer to advance part of their wages.

Descriptions of the Principal

Photographs in To-day's

"Daily Mirror."

ALL ABOUT THE PICTURES.

RUSSIAN GIANT'S MOTOR TRIP.

Anxiety about his four-months-old baby went far to spoil Machnow's enjoyment of his motor ride to Brighton, during which the unique series of photographs appearing on pages 8 and 9 to-day were taken.

When the giant left London in the great 24-h.p. Napier car, Mr. S. F. Edwards had provided for him, he was accompanied by his wife and infant child, who travelled in a smaller De Dion-Bouton car. All went well until shortly after Crawley had been left behind, when the baby began to cry, and the giant, who apparently has a soft heart somewhere within his 32-stone frame, was reduced to a condition of will.

Nothing could be done to calm him until arrangements were made for the immediate return of his wife and child to town, and even then it was only with difficulty that he was persuaded to continue his trip.

When the time arrived for lunch at the Royal York Hotel at Brighton it was found indeed that his fears for the welfare of the baby had seriously affected his appetite; for, though he managed to account for a few liberal helpings of beef, mutton, and steak and kidney pie, as well as six pints of wine, he made anything but what for him is a hearty meal.

Then his one thought was to get back to London as quickly as possible.

When he at last reached the Hippodrome, his wife was waiting for him on the pavement with reassuring news, but he at once went to the baby's cot in his quarters to see that all was well.

RUSSIAN OFFICERS' QUARREL.

A remarkable photograph taken during the progress of a duel between two of the Russian officers who were concerned in the recent massacres is reproduced on page 9.

One of the officers in question, Lieutenant Yuretschek, taunted a comrade named Mendeleeff with having ordered the soldiers under his command to fire on "his own people," thereby implying that the latter officer belonged himself to the peasant or workman class.

The insult was hotly resented, and, as a result, a fierce duel has just been fought by the two officers. The encounter took place in a pine forest, and continued until the insulted officer, Lieutenant Mendeleeff, was so badly wounded in the forearm that further fighting was impossible.

M. WITTE'S HOUSE SEARCHED.

One would imagine that the splendid services rendered by M. Witte to Russia, as Minister of Finance, and in other important offices, would raise him above suspicion, but events have shown that it is not so.

His house, shown in our photograph on page 8, has just been visited by the police and searched from top to bottom for documents or any other evidence of disaffection to the Government.

OUR PHOTOGRAPHERS AT WORK.

A characteristic instance of the sort of work done by our ubiquitous camera-men is seen in the pictures in to-day's issue, illustrating the curious discovery of a hundred-year-old document just reported from Margate.

As soon as sufficient particulars had come to hand over the wire in the small hours of yesterday morning one of our photographers slung his camera over his shoulder and departed for the popular watering-place, travelling by the 5.40 train from St. Paul's.

He evidently lost no time on arrival, for before sunset yesterday afternoon the negatives of his pictures arrived at the Mirror office, where prints were soon obtained, and the blocks made from which the reproductions on page 1 were printed.

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RED PEPPER.

TO-DAY the Talking Shop reopens. For six months our ears have been free from the incessant babble which goes up from Westminster when the House of Commons is in session. A thin little stream of words ascends from the House of Lords, too, but that attracts no attention. The din from the "popular Chamber," as the Lower House is ironically called, drowns it altogether.

Is there no way of stopping the eternal flow of discourse which chokes all the channels of the nation's business? The closure has no perceptible effect until the back-end of the session. The usual procedure devotes two or three weeks to the discussion of the Address in reply to the King's Speech. One or two real grievances are sometimes brought forward, but for the most part the debate on the Address is conducted by the bores and the axe-grinders. It is simply a waste of time.

After that comes "interminable verbiage" about the Budget, and about the few Bills that are introduced, and on other tedious topics that appeal to no one but a few faddists and place-hunters, whose only object in life is to listen to their own voices.

It has been proposed time after time that there should be a time-limit to speeches. There seems no likelihood, however, of any self-denying ordinance of this kind being passed—at any rate, by the present House of Commons. Why not follow the valuable example just set by an enterprising member of the Corporation? Having been in patient attendance at a meeting which had already lasted for twelve hours, this ingenious Irishman at two o'clock in the morning smuggled a saucer full of red pepper into the room and set it alight.

In a few moments everybody was seized with an overpowering desire to sneeze. A fish-ooz resounded on every side. Nothing else could be heard. The chairman, with tears streaming down his cheeks, "bowed that meeting do adjourn," and there was a general stampede home to bed. It was the most successful "closing" of a debate on record.

If the Speaker were given power to decide when a question had been sufficiently discussed, and to order in a large pan of burning red pepper (which might be carried up the House in state by two ushers, preceded by the Sergeant-at-Arms), the plague of empty words would soon be at an end. Then we might get some business done.

DEMOCRACY AND THE TRAMCAR.

In this country almost everything is made a party question. If the Radicals cry out for steamboats on the Thames, Conservatives feel bound to oppose them. The very fact that Unionists think the alien undesirable should be kept out is quite enough to set Liberals shouting for his "right" to be admitted.

Unfortunately, the question of motor-omnibuses v. electric tramways seems—abundant as it may appear—to have become a party question too! Opposition newspapers have got hold of the idea that tramways are more democratic; they are straining every argument to prove that the motor-omnibus is out of the question as a substitute for the tramcar.

It is simply a matter which fact and experience ought to be allowed to decide. If politics are permitted to influence the decision, we are sure to go wrong. For our own part, we fancy that the omnibus will be cheaper and more convenient. Rails are a nuisance anyway, and a costly nuisance into the bargain. Still, we are quite open to be convinced that we are wrong. All we want is to discover the best system. To make it a party touchstone is ridiculous.

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

Be sure that nothing is for your interest which makes you break your word, hate, suspect, or curse anyone, or incline you to any practice which will not bear the light and allow you to look the world in the face.—*Marcus Aurelius.*

MUCH of the success which has come to Lord Lansdowne in his political career is to be attributed to his clever wife, who gave her great reception for the opening of Parliament last night. Lady Lansdowne is really an acute politician, and an excellent diplomatist as well. Bismarck once said that she was too clever for most of his ambassadors; and, certainly, when her husband was Viceroy of India, Lady Lansdowne had the most extraordinary knowledge of Indian affairs and Indian life. She used to go, disguised

in native costume, and visit, not without some danger, the poorest quarters of Calcutta.

Once she saved an innocent man who had been accused of murder from being hanged. The Judge who was trying the case dined one night at the Viceroy's Lodge. After dinner Lady Lansdowne took him aside and said: "The man who is charged with that murder is innocent. If you will send me a detective I will show him the house where the real murderer is." The murderer was caught, sure enough, but Lady Lansdowne always

refused to say how or when she had discovered his crime. The incident made her very popular amongst the natives of Calcutta.

I am glad to hear that Mrs. Spender Clay, the daughter of Mr. William Waldorf Astor, who has been ill at Cannes, is now a little better. Miss Pauline Astor was an extremely beautiful and graceful girl, and, it need hardly be said, an immensely wealthy one. Speculations about her future husband were indulged in long before she actually became engaged, and Princes, Dukes, and Earls were rumoured to be on the point of marrying her. At last, however, Miss Astor sensibly made marriage of affection, and contented herself with commoner.

Captain Spender Clay is, however, a very rich commoner, and one very well known in society. He is one of the largest shareholders in Bass's brewery, and he became quite famous some seven years ago as the defendant in the action brought by the late king of money-lenders, Mr. S. M. Lewis, to recover £11,113, said to be due on promissory notes signed by Captain Spender Clay. The greatest sensation was aroused by the trial, which disclosed the fact that a well-known member of the aristocracy had secured Captain Spender Clay's signature to documents which he was not allowed to read. The thing ended in the erring lord's arrest and imprisonment.

The Earl of Sefton, whose pretty daughter, Lady Gertrude Molyneux, is shortly to be married, is one of the few peers who go in for the charmingly mediæval sport of falconry. He is the owner of many miles of valuable land in South-West Lancashire, and is therefore very wealthy. One needs to be wealthy, apparently, in order to indulge in the luxury of hawking. Lord Sefton pays his falconers as much as £120 a year each. Then the hawks themselves, if really well trained, cost as much as £100. Lord Sefton belongs to the Old Hawking Club, of which the Duchess of Marlborough is also a member.

There was something very melancholy about the last days of Dr. Robson Roose, who was at one time the most famous consulting physician in London. Since Mrs. Roose's death, a year or two ago, he had gone very little into society, and had lived mainly out of London. Yet, at one time, he used to entertain in his house in Hill-street almost all the notabilities, political and social, in London. Of late years some serious financial trouble, and the loss of his wife, seemed, I think, to kill the taste for society in him.

The "Times," I notice, attributes his great success to "his ingratiating manner and his abundant tact." That is a very reasonable explanation of it. Personally, I found his "bedside manner," popularly considered irreproachable, a little trying in illness. He attended me once, and his method was to be very jovial and vigorous. When he entered the room he asked me what I had "been and gone and done," and the rest of the interview was lightened by similarly witty locutions. When I am ill I want to be treated seriously. But many of Dr. Roose's patients appreciated his facetious humour.

It is delightful to think that Miss Marion Terry, who played the leading part in Mr. Alfred Sutro's new play at the St. James's last night, is once more securely established at a leading London theatre. Her long absence, at a time when we were all literally clamouring for actresses who could act, was simply inexplicable. Miss Terry's power over audiences may be best illustrated by the story of her performance in "Far from the Madding Crowd." One of the chief characters in the play was in that play. As the actor was doing this he was greeted by a loud cry of "Why don't someone tweak his nose!" from the pit.

That romantic institution, the Fairy Tale Society, is to give a very special and unusual entertainment at St. George's Hall next Thursday. Several famous actors and actresses—Miss Kate Cutler, Miss Lilian Brathwaite, Mr. George Grossmith, and others—are to perform there in order to help the society, which has for its aim the revival of Fairyland in desolate East London and the amusement of East End children by fairy plays and tales, to carry on its admirable work. The society was formed at Christmas-time, and delighted the children then by showing them the Pied Piper in an East End hall, followed by all the enchanted children of Hamelin. All lovers of children ought to encourage the society by going to its entertainment on Thursday.

IN MY GARDEN.

FEBRUARY 13.—Blue buds are slowly appearing on the scillas and the "glory of the snow" (chionodoxa). The former are very charming bulbs to grow in masses or associated with snowdrops and winter aconites.

Chionodoxa are some of the most beautiful spring-dropping bulbs we have. In a sheltered position they flower early, bravely peeping through the snow when hard weather comes.

Every year, when these flowers have spread a blue carpet over the ground, I am reminded how conservative some gardeners are. Snowdrops and crocuses are indispensable in the garden, but why is the "glory of the snow" seldom seen? Its beauty is unrivalled. E. F. T.

ST. VALENTINE'S DAY AT WESTMINSTER.



Mr. Balfour and Sir H. "C-B."—"WHO CAN HAVE SENT ME THAT?"

A MAN OF THE HOUR.

The Speaker of the House of Commons.

TO-DAY may be the last time he will take his place, with dignified bearing, to preside in a perfectly impartial manner over the proceedings of a new session.

If a dissolution comes, he will probably resign his great office, and be known as Mr. William Court Gully no more. With another style and title he will ascend to the House of Lords.

No one could be better suited to that assembly. He used to be called "Courtly" Gully, with reference to his urbane and charming manners. Even when he has to be severe upon unruly members he does it in a way they quite like. "And yet," said an Irish M.P. whom he had just suspended (in the words of a popular song of the day), "And yet you can't 'elp liking 'im." He will make an ideal peer.

Mr. Gully has not had a life of uninterrupted success. For some time after he was called to the Bar he could get nothing to do. He nearly went to the Far East to practise in the Straits Settlements.

Once he was almost made a Judge. He would have been if his seat at Carlisle had been a safe one. But the Liberals, who were in power, did not like to risk an election, so the coveted vacancy went to someone else.

It was not till he was sixty that he won the Speakership, and became the First Commoner in the Realm with £5,000 a year and a fine house at Westminster, and no more trouble of contested elections or dust of political worries to powder his well-cut shoes.

He has to work hard for his privileges, though not quite so hard as Speakers once did. He gets time to dine in freer comfort, for example. But he will not be altogether sorry when his working days are over.

A WESTMINSTER VALENTINE.

(From the Government to the British Voter.)

Oh! dearest British Voter,
 We've come from far and near,
 By steamship, rail, or motor,
 To meet in session here;
 But every heart is aching
 Lest you should turn away,
 Conservatives forsaking
 For Liberal charms to-day.

We've tried, with careful steering,
 With fiscal schemes and fear,
 To please you, but we're failing
 You haven't liked them much.
 Perchance on education
 Our views you do not share,
 But thoughts of separation
 Are very hard to bear.

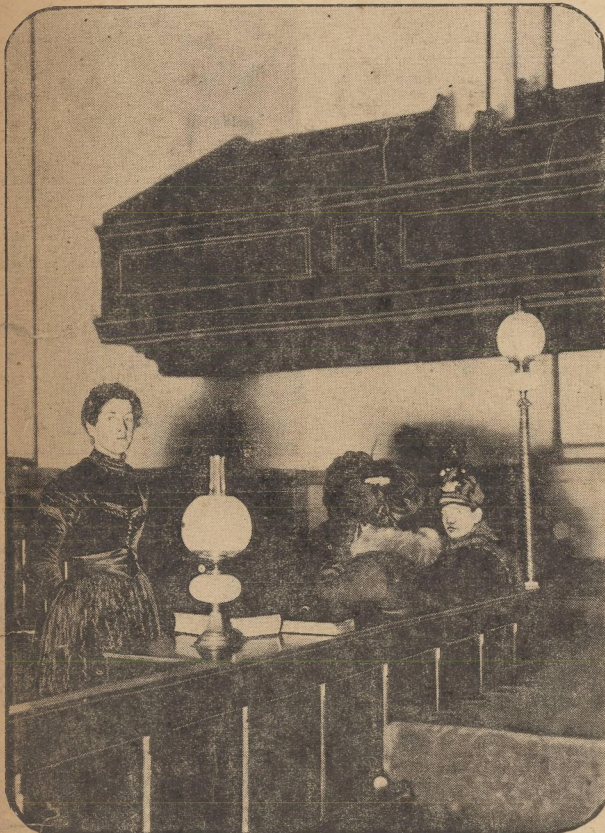
If matchless elocution
 In vain we now exert,
 And threatened dissolution
 Our skill may not avert,
 Oh, at the next election
 Vote as in days of yore,
 And be, with tried affection,
 Our Valentine once more!

MARY FARRAR.

Private Murphy was very ill, and his messroom mate, Lance-Corporal O'Hagan, asked the doctor very anxiously as to the sufferer's state. "I am sorry to say, Michael, that your friend is dying by inches." "Well, doctor," said Mick, with an air of resignation, "wan good thing is, poor Murphy is six feet three in his socks, so he'll last some time yet."—*Birmingham Daily.*

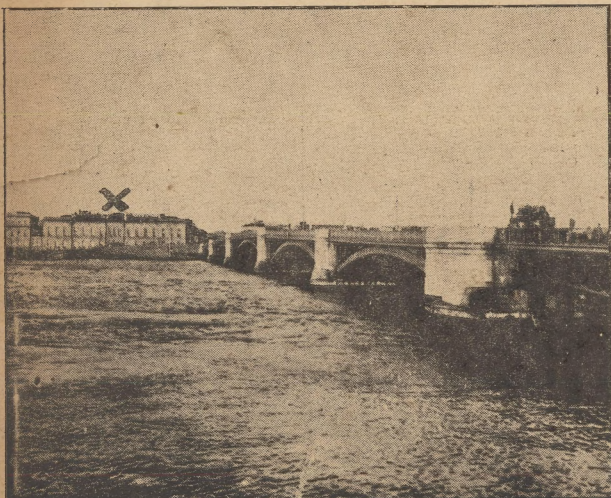
NEWS TOLD IN VIEWS

WELSH SEER CONDUCTING REVIVAL MEETING.



A flashlight photograph of Mrs. Mary Jones, wife of a Welsh farmer, in the pulpit of Talsarnan Bethel Chapel, conducting a revival meeting. It is said that when Mrs. Jones is preaching in the little chapel mysterious lights of dazzling brightness are to be seen in the sky.—(Daily Mirror copyright.)

M. WITTE'S HOUSE SEARCHED BY RUSSIAN POLICE.



The cross in this photograph indicates the house in St. Petersburg of M. Witte, the distinguished Russian statesman, which has just been searched by the Russian police. It was M. Witte whom the Tsar entrusted with the drawing up of the new reform schemes.

MACHNOW, THE 9ft. 2in. RUSSIAN GIANT.



The Russian giant leaving The Wheatsheaf, at Redhill, where a stop was made on the journey to Brighton for the purpose of giving Machnow a few quarts of hot milk.—(Daily Mirror copyright.)



At Crawley, where a stop was made to allow the giant to exercise his cramped limbs. Machnow's manager is seen walking by his side.—(Daily Mirror copyright.)

PUTTING THE FINISHING TOUCHES ON THE STATE COACH.



Wheeling the State coach out of the coach-house at the royal mews yesterday, in preparation for to-day's royal procession.



Some idea of the height of the giant from the fact that he is walking on the first-floor window-sills. The incident was not without its amusing aspects.



The State coach.



"MIRROR" CAMERAGRAPHS.

AN GIANT, MOTORS TO BRIGHTON.



height may be formed
Machnow shaking hands
ady who was looking out of the
e George Hotel, Crawley. This
the source of great amusement.



Machnow drove along the promenade at Brighton, and stopped outside the Old Ship Hotel, where this photograph was taken of him standing up in the twenty-four horse-power Napier car. — (Daily Mirror copyright.)



Machnow leaving the Royal York Hotel, Brighton, on the return journey. Over five thousand people crowded round the hotel to witness the departure of the giant. — (Daily Mirror copyright.)

FOR TO-DAY'S PROCESSION.



mass of gilding. This photograph shows
polishing it yesterday.

CONTEST OF FLYING MACHINES.



One of the new winged flying-machines taking part in the aerial machine contests which have just opened at the Galerie des Machines in Paris. This picture shows experiments being made with a lay-figure.

ANOTHER MANSION BURNED DOWN.



Shenley Hall, Herefordshire, the residence of Mr. Hoare, which has just been burned down. A small quantity only of the valuable furniture was saved, and the damage is estimated at £20,000.

DUEL BETWEEN RUSSIAN OFFICERS WHO FIRED ON THE ST. PETERSBURG STRIKERS.



A duel between two lieutenants of the Tchernamarsky infantry. Lieutenant Yurechek (the man on the right) taunted his opponent with having ordered his men to fire upon "his own people," inferring that the latter officer belonged to the peasant or working classes.

THE NIGHTS. NEW PLAY. "The Walls of Jericho." WHERE'S ALEXANDER?"

"Where's Alexander?" cried a voice in the St. James's Theatre at the end of "Mollentrave on Women" last night. And there were many in the audience who were asking themselves the same question.

There is a part in this new play of Mr. Alfred Mollentrave that would suit Mr. Alexander very well. Mr. Norman McKinnel plays it in a capable way, but he lacks the charm of personality which the character calls for. That is just what the St. James's manager could have supplied.

Mollentrave is a pleasant old gentleman, who has written a famous book "On Women." He flatters himself that he knows how women ought to be treated in all possible circumstances. Oddly enough, though, too, other people seem to admit his wisdom.

That it is merely a pretension we see very soon. He is a delightful old muddler. The first thing he does is to make pretty little nineteen-year-old Margaret (Miss Lettice Fairfax) believe that her guardian, Sir Joseph Basted, K.C., M.P., is in love with her.

He sets out to tell her, at Sir Joseph's request, that a nice boy of about her own age wants to marry her. But he mixes himself up in such a tangle of words that he completely misleads the young child. However, she is delighted, at once goes on airs as the future Lady Basted, and causes Sir Joseph the most painful anguish and alarm.

THE PLOT THAT FAILED.

To repair his lies to Mollentrave for help. "Case me dear," says the philosopher. "You must not tell her bluntly she has made a mistake." "She is good!" "That might break her heart. You must keep up the engagement and disillusion her by being as servile as you can. She will soon get tired of the prospect of marrying a decrepit old

Joseph is only forty-five and particularly robust, but he accepts Mollentrave's advice, and pretends all kinds of infirmities. Unfortunately this does not have the expected result. Margaret simply sits in looking after him. She never lets him get out without a comforter. She sees that he takes great extract regularly, although he loathes the taste of it. She reveals in the idea of having him take care of for the rest of his days!

Nor is this the only scheme of Mollentrave's which has gone wrong. He has asked his daughter, Lady Claude Derenham, a very attractive widow, to marry a charmingly played by Miss Marion Terry, and she has refused to do so. He has asked her to make a point of talking to the nice boy about Margaret whenever she can, so as to bring them together. After about a week of it the nice boy proposes passionately to Lady Claude herself!

To tell exactly how this amusing jumble is put together would spoil the fun. Enough to say that the last act is the best of the three. The ingenuity

EAT CURDLED MILK AND LIVE LONG.

The latest food craze is curdled milk of a special kind, prepared on a Bulgarian recipe. It is the new remedy against growing old.

The substance is called yaghurt, and can now be obtained in tins in Paris. It is supposed to be fatal to all the hostile bacteria in the intestines, while friendly microbes thrive upon it.

Yaghurt looks very like ordinary cream cheese gone bad, and tastes similarly. People who wish to live to a hundred breakfast off yaghurt exclusively, but many who have tried it prefer to die young.

"MOLLENTRAVE ON WOMEN" AT THE ST. JAMES'S.



From left to right:—Mr. Norman McKinnel, Miss Marion Terry, Miss Lettice Fairfax, Mr. Eric Lewis, and Mr. Leslie Faber.

A MAN IN A MILLION

By CORALIE STANTON
and HEATH HOSKEN.

CHAPTER XXXIII.

Friendship is a sheltering tree.—*Coleridge.*

Vanna greeted the young man graciously enough. She was glad to see him, as glad as she was about anything now. She hoped he was staying in the neighbourhood, as he would be a companion for Joan. Afterwards she often thought how strange was that Billy Charters should have been the first person to welcome them on English soil.

"I am glad to see you; simply delighted!" exclaimed the young man, gripping Joan's hands and shaking them vigorously. "And how well you're looking, Jo, and what ages it is since I've seen you! And what are you doing in this part of the world?"

"We're going to live here, Billy," the girl answered.

"Where?" he asked eagerly.

"At Little Brady."

"How ripping!" he cried. "I'm living at home—at Perivale, and it's only five miles from Little Brady. We shall be able to see a great deal of each other. You know there are only three of us now," he added in a low voice, and a shadow came to his nice eyes. "My two brothers and myself."

"We were so sorry to hear about your father," Vanna said gently, while Joan's splendid eyes told her great sympathy without the aid of words.

"We miss him frightfully," said Billy sadly. "The end was so sudden. We can hardly realise it yet. I've been here ever since. Robert, my

eldest brother, has taken it very badly; and he didn't want me to go back to Paris. Percy, the second one, is with his ship out on the China station, so I couldn't leave poor old Robert all alone. But I'm keeping you out here in the wet. Are they meeting you?"

"I ordered a cab," said Vanna. "Lady Betty Somerville has lent us Little Brady for a few months."

"It is a dear little house," Billy replied enthusiastically. "I didn't know Lady Betty was a friend of yours. I've heard a great deal about her, but I don't know her personally. She's hardly ever at Brady. And how do you like your first glimpse of England after all these years, Jo?" he added, with a humorous little smile.

"I love it," the girl answered sturdily, "rain, and all."

"Wait until the sun shines," exhorted Billy, "and see our hills and our river, and all the wonderful colours, and you'll think there's no place like it in all the world."

He escorted them to their cab.

"May I call, Mrs. Tempest?" he asked eagerly. "We shall be delighted," said Vanna. "In a day or two, when we are settled."

The young man held Joan's hand a moment longer than convention required.

"What a bad correspondent you are, Jo!" he said. There was a tone of mock seriousness in his voice; but underneath was something much warmer, much gladder. "You never answered one of my letters, after the first."

"I got them," she said, and then hesitated. "But we were travelling about."

"We haven't been in Paris for six months," Vanna put in.

"Oh, I didn't know that," said Billy in a surprised tone of voice. "I couldn't think what was the matter with you, and I had to come to the conclusion that you'd forgotten all about me."

Curious Proposal by a Well-known Political Agitator.

In a book published yesterday, "Bygones Worth Remembering," by Mr. George Jacob Holyoake, an active reformer in many directions, there is an odd plea for two Sundays every week, instead of one—a devotional Sunday and a secular Sunday.

"The one Sunday we now have is neither one thing nor the other. Its insufficiency for rest prevents it being an honest day of devotion. Proper recreation is out of the question."

"Those who would provide recreation in the country find it not worth while for the precarious chance of half-day visitors. On a secular Sunday recreation would be organised and be more self-respecting than it now can be."

"Had Moses foreseen the manufacturing system, instead of saying 'six days' he would have said 'Five days shalt thou labour.'"



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By EVELYN SHARP.

Writers about children may be divided roughly into two classes—those whose principal equipment for the task seems to be a good memory of their own childhood, and those who study at first hand from the children they see about them. Mr. F. Cooper, whose book, "The Twentieth Century Child," is published to-day (Lane, 6s.), belongs emphatically to the second class.

I do not mean by this that he has forgotten that he was once a child—that would be impossible in one who has never ceased to be a child in the best sense of the word—but rather that he has in his book undertaken the far more difficult task of discussing the children of a later generation than his own, thus acknowledging what the child-lover is often so loth to allow, that fashions in the nursery change as inevitably as in the grown-up world of downstairs.

IN THE LAP OF LUXURY.

The delightful boys and girls who walk through his pages are the "children of the children of busy women of the wealthy classes," and the limitation is an interesting one in so far as children of that particular class are not often written about, but their capacities for individuality are no less unlimited than they would be in children of any other class.

There is, for instance, who, when his sister was beating his bare upturned feet with a hair-brush as he was saying his prayers, apologised to Heaven very seriously and soberly: "Excuse me, dear Lord, for a moment while I get up and knock the stuffing out of Nellie"—a story told to prove the earnestness of the boy's prayers. And there is the self-possessed youth, fresh from a childhood spent alone in a room, when some lady was gushing about his eldest brother, whom she had only seen once, but had liked so much, answered gravely: "I've only seen him twice, and I like him, too."

No one could help sympathising with the little maid at the German school who complained of having to help cook the dinner, "and when I answered consolingly, 'It is only play,' she and her companion said ruefully, 'Yes, but we have to eat the play.'" There is a delightfully human touch, too, about the small lady who "didn't mean to laugh" but her face "slipped," and about the child who, on being asked by her mother whether she had been good, indignantly denied both strenuously, and confessed finally to having been "comfortable."

Perhaps the story that goes straightest to the heart of any sister, though, is that of the "angrily-

sobbing little maiden who complained to me: 'Reggie says, "To err is human, to forgive divine"; but it seems to me the always want to be human himself and me to be divine.' Well, Mr. Cooper is content to be human himself in every line of his book, and that is what makes it something more than a mere recital of children's stories and sayings.

For in all the stories he quotes he sees a meaning, and in most cases he is on the side of the small offenders, though never indelicately and foolishly so, as it is the fashion to be nowadays. He confesses that it is impossible to be sure that the child means to be naughty—that is all.

Can anyone be sure that impertinence was intended by the small boy, whose morning ride was delayed by a lecture on the impropriety of keeping dent crabs in his pockets, and who said:—"They were alive when I put them in. You are wasting a great deal of my precious time." Or that disobedience was intended by the small girl who had been given "a bigger doll than Patty's," on the understanding that she should not go and crow over Patty, and who, when Patty was discovered in tears, protested: "I didn't say mine was the biggest; I truthfully said: 'I only came to Patty and said 'Let's measure dolls.'"

Yet, although the author of "The Twentieth Century Child" is so anxious to convince us that he is "severely bored by at least half" of the children he knows, and detests "several of them as warmly" as he dislikes anything in the world,



MR. EDWARD H. COOPER.

we carry away from his book a conviction that on this side of the question he is only "funning." He tells the story with much gusto of the old village school dame, who in her retirement lamented: "Come the long winter afternoons, and I misses 'em and I wants 'em. But I misses 'em more than I wants 'em." But here, again, Mr. Cooper is only "funning." It is in other moments than these that he is serious, such moments as when he is describing his two French boy friends, who could "eat any given quantity of food at any moment," both had spent a day in prison, been wrecked several times, broken a front tooth, and been blown up by gunpowder experiments; and I should be perfectly contented to be cast on a desert island with either of them, provided that he retained the ordinary contents of his trouser pocket.

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"MIRROR."

What Are the Mysterious Lights in the Welsh Sky?

The "balls of fire" seen in the neighbourhood of the Welsh woman revivalist's dwelling are probably a phenomenon similar to the Northern Lights, and to the more familiar meteors often seen in this climate.

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Barnmouth, Wales.

IC VEGETARIANISM A FAILURE?

I invariably do eat, always have eaten, and always intend to eat, meat three times a day. I have never suffered in the slightest degree from any kind of ailment, I am full of energy, and I am eighty-one.

This talk about living on vegetables appears to me to be typical of the decadence amidst which we live. GREEN OLD AGE.

Leatherhead, Surrey.

MILKMEN AND MILKMAIDS.

Why is it that milkmen's etiquette obliges them to make such a lamentable din with their fendish instruments of torture? Outside my window, every morning at six, I hear the crash of innumerable cans being thrown into a cart. What is it? It is the milkman playing pitch and toss with them, and making the most maddening "street noise" which has ever tortured sleepers.

Hans-place. J. F. ROOKE.

NELSON'S PENSION TEA.

The poor widows whom you spoke of on Saturday paid more than 2s. for their weekly pound of tea recently.

Since 1902 the price was 2s. 2d., and in April last it went up to 2s. 4d. I know one or two distressingly hard cases. Your cartoon article should do good. NORTH LONDON VICAR.

The collapse of this scheme was certain from the start, but what about the Board of Trade in the matter?

Nelson's had fulfilled the law made about forty years since by a deposit of £20,000—a sum, of course, grossly inadequate; but when it was said in court that their liabilities were fourteen millions. If the Board knew them to be insolvent, why did they not interfere?

From what I can make out nothing is ever done officially except when default has been made. It seems that an alteration in the law as regards deposit of deposit in proportion to liabilities is urgently required, and a prompt interference on the part of the Board of Trade when insolvency is found to exist. SEMADA.

Putney.

dwarf book-cases, and china in Sheraton corner-pieces, and a profusion of deep red and white chrysanthemums. The tea-cups were pink and white, and the light from the tall lamps gleamed resily on the silver service and the hammered silver tray.

"Lady Betty is really too good," said Vanna, holding out her hand to the warm blaze of the fire, after the housekeeper had taken her wet coat. "Her ladyship wrote that if there was anything you wanted and didn't find in the house, ma'am," the housekeeper went on volubly, "you was just to ask for it and we would have it sent from Brady. And you was to be sure and send for what flowers you wanted—and, between you and me, ma'am, if I may say so, a very good thing too, with them roses of glass and not a soul long of a nardie bloom, and the head gardener making a mint of money on the sky."

And so it was with everything, all over the house. Everywhere flowers—in the oak-panelled dining-room, with the high, old-fashioned oak chairs and the splendidly-carved chimney-piece, on a sideboard that was a perfect work of art of valuable old pewter; and in the drawing-room, that was all pale yellow, and lay full south, as Mrs. Wilkins explained, and caught all the sunshine; and in the charming, dainty bedrooms with the oak four-posters and the bright chintzes and roomy old presses, and the snowy curtains drawn up in dressing-gables, with Dresden mirror frames and branching candelabra in which burned wax candles, filling the rooms with soft, mellow light. Flowers and bright fires everywhere, and the little preparations that mean so much—the writing-tables all arranged with notepaper and pens and ink, the easy chairs, piled with cushions, drawn up to the fire—all as if honoured guests were expected, and not a poor, lonely pauper, as Vanna bitterly called herself.

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A MAN IN A MILLION.

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heedless of the rain, trying to make out what the countryside was like.

But her pains were but scantily rewarded. Most of the time the darkness was impenetrable, and every now and then, when a feeble light streamed out from some roadside cottage, it revealed only dripping hedgerows and a road which was a veritable river of mud.

A handsome gateway opened to receive them. They turned into a broad, gravelled drive. It was about a quarter of a mile in length, and at the end of it stood a large, old, ivy-covered house of which shone a cheerful, welcoming light.

"Oh, mother, how sweet!" cried Joan, as she jumped out of the cab. "It's got a lovely big roof, and it's absolutely smothered in ivy and things."

"Damp and dark," muttered Vanna. "My dear child, I'm so glad you like the look of it," she added, with a valiant effort at good-temper and self-control.

It was not such a very small house, only two-storied, but long and rambling, and entered by a sculptured stone porch.

The door was thrown open. A flood of mellow light streamed out, and just within the doorway stood a middle-aged woman, with a pleasant, homely face, gowned in black, with a little silk apron, and a bun of white hair at her side.

"My name is Wilkins, ma'am," she said, stepping forward, as Vanna entered the house. "I am under-housekeeper up at Brady, and her ladyship wrote to me to come and see that everything was ready for you, and to stay with you, if you liked to have me—anyhow, until you was settled and had had time to look round, so to speak."

"How very good of Lady Betty," said Vanna warmly. She was touched by this act of practical

kindness. She had expected only to find the young girl she had engaged on the recommendation of the vicar's wife, to whom she had written, and who had found her a girl who was to act as cook-general—Vanna had shuddered in the sunshine at Sorrento, and thought of Brixton, who gave notice every alternate week at Rosemary Cottage—and who, as the vicar's lady wrote, was willing, if rather inexperienced, both had spent a day in prison, been wrecked several times, broken a front tooth, and been blown up by gunpowder experiments; and I should be perfectly contented to be cast on a desert island with either of them, provided that he retained the ordinary contents of his trouser pocket.

A few moments later Vanna was still more touched, and told herself that Lady Betty's kindness had no end. Mrs. Wilkins ushered them into a room leading out of the small, square, panelled hall.

"This is the morning-room, ma'am," she explained, "and I've got tea ready for you, thinking you'd be glad of a cup after your journey, even though it's so close on dinner-time."

"Dinner!" murmured Vanna, almost hysterically. A high tea, with ham and boiled eggs, was all that she had anticipated. She had even written to say that the eggs were to be boiled for five minutes as both she and Miss Tresselt liked them hard.


"Yes, ma'am," said the housekeeper, with a certain amount of pride. "I made the girl dish you up a nice little dinner, and she's quite a handy lass, although she don't know much, and I won't say that I didn't help her a bit myself. But she'll learn. She's very willing; it's just that she's never been in proper service all her life."

"Oh, what a cozy room!" cried Joan, who was breasting herself pouring out her mother's tea. "I never saw anything so pretty in all my life."


It really looked charming in the soft, rose-shaded lamplight. It was a square room, with a big bow window, all white panelled, with a deep red carpet, and hangings and deep-seated armchairs and settees of old rose tapestry. It was all as if it were a home, and as if it had been lived in yesterday. There were soft cushions in plenty, and books in

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T. JAMES'S THEATRE.

SMART SUMMER TOILETTES IN THE PLAY PRODUCED LAST NIGHT.

It is summer, sweet summer at St. James's Theatre now, where "Mollentrave on Women" was presented for the first time last night. The dresses worn by Miss Marion Terry and Miss Lettice Fairfax are, therefore, forecasts of what will be seen when bright, hot weather arrives.

A Cool and Lovely Gown.

Sea-green is the colour of one of Miss Marion Terry's dresses, a lovely tint that stands high in the catalogue of fashionable dyes for the coming by-and-by. It is made simply but very smartly with a full, round skirt trimmed with silk quillings interspersed with rosettes of a darker shade of green, and will be seen on the right of the picture on this page. The bodice is prettily draped over a lace chemise, which falls almost as deeply at the back as it does in front.

Charmingly-girlish Toilette.

Miss Lettice Fairfax makes her first appearance in a girlish gown of palest blue crepe de Chine, to which is given a bodice folded en fichu over a lace vest. In the second act she wears the charming gown shown on the left-hand side of the picture, one of pure white spotted muslin, with a full skirt tucked and inset with broad bands of lace. The introduction of a little white satin ribbon upon the fichu is a very pretty idea and most becoming to the pretty wearer.

In the last act the same young lady has a morning frock of straw-coloured tatted with a lace yoke, a red belt, and a red hat decorated with cherries; and Miss Marion Terry in the same act wears a simple and pretty seaside toilette, completely suitable for the scene, which is laid in the grounds of Mr. Mollentrave's house at Swanage.

HINTS FOR THE HOUSEWIFE.

If a small piece of soap is put into boiled starch when it is being made, it prevents the iron sticking and gives a nice gloss to the clothes.

A much better gloss will be obtained for boots and shoes, and needed only for the clothes, if the blacking is mixed with a little common vinegar instead of water.

When kitchen-tables are used a great deal they are apt to become discoloured, and should this be



On the left is shown the white spotted muslin gown Miss Lettice Fairfax wears in "Mollentrave on Women," and on the right Miss Marion Terry's lovely sea-green one.

the case they should be scrubbed and dried and then rubbed with a few slices of raw lemon. They will then look as nice as new ones.

The elasticity of cane-seated chairs may be restored by turning up the seat and washing the cane-work well with hot water and a sponge, so that it

becomes thoroughly soaked. If it is very dirty a little soap may be used with benefit. The chairs should then be dried in the air, and they will be as good as new.

PTARMIGAN COOKERY.

A SPECIALLY SEASONABLE RECIPE.

Ptarmigan, those pretty white birds that are now to be seen in the poulterers' shops, are excellent just now, and most inexpensive, being obtainable from 9d. each, while for a very fair-sized specimen may be purchased.

ROAST PTARMIGAN.

INGREDIENTS:—A brace of ptarmigan, a little flour and butter.

The birds should be well hung. Pluck, draw, and truss them as if they were grouse. Then either roast them before a clear fire or bake them in a quick oven, keeping them well basted with butter or good dripping. They will take from twenty minutes to half an hour to cook. Serve them on two slices of buttered toast, and hand with them some good brown gravy and bread sauce.

BREAD SAUCE.

INGREDIENTS:—Two tablespoonful of white crumbs, half an ounce of butter, one small onion, two cloves, half a pint of milk, salt and pepper.

Put the milk in a pan on the fire and let it boil. Peel the onion, stick the cloves into it, and put it in the milk. When the milk boils shake in the crumbs, add the butter, and let all simmer gently for about ten minutes. Take out the onion, season the sauce nicely with salt and pepper, pour it into a hot sauce tureen, and it is ready.

A STRIKING DISPLAY.

A bold experiment in shop-window display is being made by Messrs. Swan and Edgar, who have filled their nine windows fronting on Piccadilly with a huge exhibition of pyjama suits—all of the windows being filled with a mass of suits, and each window with a distinctive colour.

At the same time a life-size figure of a man 6ft. high is affixed to the inner surface of each window, representing the man stepping out of the window. The whole effect is very striking.

Motorists should never be without

MACKINTOSH'S TOFFEE.

A MAN IN A MILLION.

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But she could not help cheering up, because she was intensely grateful, and these were all the things that meant so much to her.

Joan was in the highest spirits, running from room to room, helping her mother to unpack, insisting that she should wear her prettiest gown, and dress her hair in that becoming way that she had copied from a regal-looking peasant woman up at Anacapri.

And then the dinner was another delightful surprise, and it was quite certain that Mrs. Wilkins had had more to do with it than the vicar's wife's protégé, who received in the name of St. John, and, under the watchful eye of Mrs. Wilkins, made quite a passable business of waiting at table.

Afterwards, excellent coffee was brought into the drawing-room, and really, with the drawn curtains and the bright fire and soft lights, it would have to have been a very capacious person indeed who could remember the rain outside.

"Mother, isn't it a perfectly lovely little house?" asked Joan rapturously. "And fancy having all these lovely flowers, and being allowed to roam about the park as much as we like!"

"Yes, dear, it's all beautiful," Vanna answered. "And Lady Betty is sure to be good to us. She would not spoil the girl's pleasure on this first night, but she said to herself: 'It can't go on. It's charity; and I should just fall into it as easily as I did into the other, and become even a poorer creature than I already am.' Her heart was hard. He could not help it. Her spirit rebelled, and it was stronger than her gratitude."

Just then a pile of letters was brought in to her. The maid told her that one of the boys from Brady would ride on his bicycle to the station and bring them back every evening; otherwise she would not receive them until the next day. Not a single thing that could make her comfortable had seemingly been forgotten by her good friend.

Vanna looked through the letters idly. They had been forwarded from Sorrento, save one, which was in Lady Betty's hand and came direct. They were the letters reached King's Brady on the day as they did.

opened Lady Betty's first. It was a long letter, written from Monte Carlo, full of gossip and ever, frothy sayings. "I want this to greet you on your arrival at Little Brady," Lady Betty wrote at the end. "I do hope you'll be fairly comfortable. It's a poor little place, and a real charity on your part to put up with it. Inconveniences. Mind you make use of Wilkins. She's a good soul. And I shall be really hurt if you don't send up to Brady for anything you want. Give my best

love to Joan. Have you nothing to tell me about Harry St. Peter's yet?"

Vanna passed the letter to Joan to read, and took up another of the batch. It had a cipher and crown on the flap of the envelope, and was addressed in a pointed, thin, foreign-looking hand.

"From Prince Ataxine," she murmured indifferently, and carelessly glanced through the closely-written sheets, with a frown deepening on her beautiful brows.

The next two were from hotel acquaintances—women who gushed over her because she had a knack of always being the centre of attraction in any gathering she formed of. The last of all she did not frown, but sighed over. It was written in a bold, square, legible hand, and the paper bore the address, "Petersen, Southview, London."

Joan had finished Lady Betty's letter. She was leaning forward looking steadfastly into the fire with dreaming eyes.

Her mother studied the exquisite profile with a troubled gaze.

"This letter is from the Duke," she said.

"Yes, mother?" Joan replied questioningly.

"Is he all right?"

"He writes thinking we are still in Sorrento," Vanna went on. "I did not let him know that we were coming to England. I didn't see the good."

"I should like to see him again," said Joan, with the calmness of warm but placid friendliness.

"You know very well that it would do no good, unless you have changed your mind," retorted her mother almost angrily. "He writes to ask whether I think there is any more chance for him now than there was when he came out to Capri to see us in August."

"I liked him so much in Capri," said Joan, with a childishly reminiscent smile. "He was so jolly; he roved better and further than any of the boatmen. He never got tired."

"But he wanted to marry you, and you wouldn't have anything to say to him."

"He never talked about it," said the girl complacently.

"Because he is a perfectly charming fellow, and wouldn't pester you with love-making when he knew you didn't like it. But you knew very well why he came out."

"I told him I would never marry him."

"Well, he evidently won't believe it yet. I think his constancy is perfectly wonderful. He writes to ask me if he may come to Sorrento. He's a perfect dear. He says he wouldn't worry you in the least, but he does so want to see you, and he cannot give up the hope that one day you will change your mind."

Joan shook her head.

"I shall never do that," she said simply.

(To be continued.)

The MEDICAL PRESS of the 8th inst., says:—

"Nature is a good physician, but a glassful of Hungarian water is often a better."

TO GUARD AGAINST

APPENDICITIS

TAKE

Hunyadi János

The Best Natural Aperient Water.

AVERAGE DOSE: a wineglassful before breakfast, either pure or diluted with a similar quantity of hot or not very cold water. May be safely administered to children in proportionately reduced quantities.

FIVE-AND-A-HALF HOURS—ONE GOAL.

Reading Beaten by Fulham at the Third Attempt.

A LUCKY POINT.

Either Fulham or Reading had to go out of the Cup competition during the week in order to enable the winners to play Notts Forest on Saturday. Twice they had met—once at Fulham and once at Reading—without scoring a goal between them, and yesterday only a fussy goal gave Fulham a victory.

I cannot help feeling sorry for Reading, just as at the same time I exult with Fulham in their success. The sides were so evenly matched that it seemed for a long time quite on the cards that even extra time would be no good. Goals simply would not come. Try as they would, the forwards were unable to break back again and again as they surged up against the defences, and then came the slip.

An hour and a half, the allotted span of a match, had been played. An extra half-hour was started upon. A big kick by a Fulham back drove the ball well into the Reading half. Naisby, the fast shot from the right, and Naisby, the Reading goalkeeper, stopped the ball, but could not hold it. Rain had rendered it slippery and green, and it fell before him, and in a trice there was a scrambling heap of players on the turf in front of the Reading goal.

The One Goal.

The next that was seen of him when Fraser, with a neat hook, pulled it out of the rack of players and sent it into the net. Naisby picked it up, and the goal, of the goal, and Fraser was hugged and squeezed almost to death by his delighted comrades. It was a lucky goal, but it was the only one after five hours' fighting, and Fulham felt they had won.

It is true Reading kept on making despairing efforts to retrieve the point, but they were not successful. Like summer waves playing on some massive breakwater, proud in its granite strength. They were as often blown off, and the goal, which had been so long in coming, was now within reach. They were as often blown off, and the goal, which had been so long in coming, was now within reach.

Yet it was not always false. In the early stages of the game Thorpe, half-back, made several blunders, and two of them certainly should have been turned to account by the Reading forwards. Once Bainbridge, who was the Reading full-back, sent a fine shot which Fryer was only able to tap out. The ball fell plumb at the toes of Harris, who, with an open goal and Fryer off the field, shot it into the net. Had Harris, that usually sure shot, taken his chance there would have been no extra time. Notts Forest would have had to visit Reading instead of Reading.

The North had all the play again. There was a goal by Wilcox, which made the North lead 3 to 1. Woodward and G. S. Harris made two more goals, and the end came, and the North won by three goals to the South's one goal.

It was a disappointing match all round. The mixed amateur and professional South team did not blend a bit, and yesterday's form sounded the knell of any amateur for English, bar Woodward or Sidney Harris. If the International Selection Committee had to depend wholly on yesterday's form they would have our respect. The North had all the play, and the fact that they did no score more was not owing to the reasons of the South.

TEAMPLAR.

LANCASHIRE SENIOR CUP.—Semi-final.

EVERTON, 2; BOLTON WANDERERS, 1.

Played at Liverpool in wet weather, before a fair attendance, despite the miserable conditions. Everton had all the best of the opening exchanges, and after ten minutes, McDermott scored.

Bolton occasionally broke away, but when half-time arrived Everton led by one goal to nothing.

In the second half Everton continually pressed, and Rankin scored a second goal. Towards the end Bolton improved, and Featherstone got through just on time.

WELSH TRIAL MATCH.

The Welsh trial match between teams designated "Whites" and "Stripes" was played on Wrexham Racecourse, in threatening weather.

Several changes were made in the teams originally chosen. They were mostly composed of players from prominent English clubs. The result was a win for the "Whites" by 3 goals to 1 goal.

At Richmond yesterday G's Hospital defeated St. Bartholomew's Hospital by 9 pts. to nil, in connection with the Hospital Rugby Cup.

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Players' Hard Knocks.

Play became rough and scrambling as the second half wore on, and then when Fulham had scored players on both sides had to take care of themselves. Reading men seemed to get the worst of matters. Fulham are a team of midgets so far as the forwards are concerned, but they are a team of giants in the defence.

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PLYMOUTH BEATEN.

Newcastle United Demonstrate Their Superiority.

After a couple of drawn games, in which each side scored a goal, Plymouth Argyle said good-bye to the F.A. Cup competition. Plymouth Argyle, who were the light of another Southern candidate was extinguished.

The best team won. They played the more scientific game, and were much better together. Newcastle were very sound, but the crowd were, as is only natural, more inclined to see the good work of the Plymouth men in that of their opponents.

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Plymouth attacked strongly after this, and once or twice the Northern defence was in a severe straits. Once Lawrence punched away with Buck and McLuckie right on him, and was laid out in consequence. Then the Plymouth forwards, who were the light of another Southern candidate was extinguished.

NORTH BEAT SOUTH.

A Poor Game at Bristol Does Not Improve Reputations.

Are trial games worth all the fuss made about them? This question could have been reasonably asked at the end of the first half of yesterday's match at Bristol. Under the best conditions the play had been very lackadaisical. The South forwards, ill served by their half-backs, struggled about listlessly, casting away what chances came to them.

Stevenson was slow on the ball, and S. S. Harris's attempt to open the game for Ward were mostly thrown away. Stevenson's fine full-back work kept the game fairly even, and beyond that Woodward once nearly scored from a scrimmage, and Ward got in one shot that Wilkins nearly let through, the South never looked like scoring.

The South half-backs were lamentable, and the way Parkinson was forced to defend from the centre, and score the goal for the North, at the end of half an hour, was a great reflection on all the defences.

The North forwards were fair, and that was all. Bloomer and Parkinson got in a few shots. So the football up to half-time was milk and water, and mostly water.

Things brightened up after change of ends. Cardridge made three splendid saves, and was then beaten by Parkinson, who rushed the ball through from Bond's corner.

There was still no devil in the South attack, but Walton's goal was a beauty. It came at the end of a quarter of an hour. The North man steamed him self at long range for a shot, and it went high and straight, and only a big goalkeeper could have saved it.

The North then had all the play again. There was a goal by Wilcox, which made the North lead 3 to 1. Woodward and G. S. Harris made two more goals, and the end came, and the North won by three goals to the South's one goal.

LORD DERBY'S SUCCESS.

Outsider Continues His Winning Sequence—Longthorpe's Poor Display.

Rain and soft going made matters uncomfortable at Manchester yesterday for the steeplechase meeting. The rain was not so much as to prevent the race, but the mud in the principal enclosures, but the aggregate attendance was not up to the average.

Lord Derby's Outsider, a horse of much better class than the average hurdle-racer, had already given proof of his capacity as a jumper at Newmarket and at Kempton, and he was not to be beaten on his own turf. He was the outsider in the principal enclosures, but the aggregate attendance was not up to the average.

Shinju was not pulled out for the Monday Steeplechase, and Minstrel was all the rage in the market, as he had only Venlake and Orsay in opposition. Minstrel led from end to end, and was subsequently sold to Mr. J. Edwards for 50 guineas.

The February Handicap Steeplechase attracted some of the best horses in the country. Longthorpe and Hill of Great National candidate at short rates, but favouritism ultimately rested with Seidson Prince. Mr. Bulteel, in the absence of Frank Harigan (injured at Hurst Park), had the mount on Longthorpe. The latter gave a very indignant display.

Seidson Prince won rather cleverly from Ruritania. Last year Seidson Prince and Hampton Bay finished fourth and third respectively in a similar race. The last time out Seidson Prince won the December Hurdle Race at Sandown Park over the unusual distance of three miles and a half. The winner was trained by Coultwaite, whose colours are usually to the fore at Manchester. Theodora, after being twenty lengths behind, as they made the first circuit, eventually finished fourth.

So quickly were the competitors for the Stand Selling Hurdle sent on their journey that few wagers were booked. Buttermilk and Gentleman Joe were much favoured. The winner was trained by Coultwaite, whose colours are usually to the fore at Manchester. Theodora, after being twenty lengths behind, as they made the first circuit, eventually finished fourth.

King's Birthday beat St. Salvador easily in the Corporation Handicap Hurdle at Doncaster, won by Rock Castle, but the tables were now turned in the last race of the season. St. Salvador won the last race of the season. St. Salvador won the last race of the season. St. Salvador won the last race of the season.

In Cool Assurance Mr. Watson owns a nice young horse, easily defeating the favourite, in good style. The first attempt of the son of Gallinule over fence, as they made the first circuit, eventually finished fourth.

SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY.

MANCHESTER.

- 1.45—St. Valentine's Steeplechase—PRIDE OF BREE.
- 2.15—Tuesday Hurdle—ODOR.
- 2.45—Stand Selling Hurdle—ANNING MINNOW.
- 3.15—Club Hurdle—WELSH LAD.
- 3.45—Stretford Steeplechase—COOL ASSURANCE.
- 4.15—Salford Steeplechase—COURT FLAVOUR.

SPECIAL SELECTION.

WELSH LAD. GREY FRIARS.

RACING RETURNS.

MANCHESTER.—MONDAY.

- 1.45—KERAL MAIDEN HURDLE RACE OF 70 SOVS.
- Lord Derby's OUTSIDER, by Bumpions-Lock and Key, 9rs, 12st 4lb, Rightwail, 10st 13lb, Flambayant 9rs, 10st 6lb.
- Also ran: Moraine (aged, 11st 11lb), Logan Rock (9rs, 11st 10lb), Be Gaur (aged, 10st 13lb), Rightwail II. (9rs, 10st 6lb), Rightwail (9rs, 10st 6lb), Flambayant 9rs, 10st 6lb.

Winning trained by Captain Dewhurst. Betting.—"Sporting Life" prices: 9 to 4 on Outsider, 10 to 1 on Rightwail, 10 to 1 on Flambayant, and 100 to 8 each other.

"Sportman" prices: Agree with foregoing. Won by 8 lengths; a length between second and third. 2.15.—MONDAY SELLING STEEPCHEASE OF 70 SOVS; Mr. Sol JOEL'S MINSTREL, by Minstrel-Fadole, 9rs, 10st 6lb. Also ran: Hill of Bree (aged, 12st 6lb), Rightwail II. (9rs, 10st 6lb), Rightwail (9rs, 10st 6lb), Flambayant 9rs, 10st 6lb.

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LATEST SCRATCHINGS.</

The Schools Cup—Next Saturday's Big Match—Tottenham Finalists.

PAGE GREEN BOYS' SUCCESS.

Considerable interest has been recently shown in the athletic achievements of certain outstanding schoolboys who number their prizes and medals by no means finished, of them, whose school career is by no means finished, of them, who have already gained forty or fifty rewards for athletic prowess. Whether they will love sport for itself the more is a moot point, and one which need not be discussed now.

The boys of to-day have opportunities denied to their fellows of even half a dozen years ago, and a comparison of the respective performances in the way of prize-winning is unfair. A collection of twenty prizes six years ago was quite as remarkable an achievement as fifty is to-day. The "records" that are being claimed are ridiculous, for they are made under conditions that vary almost every year.

Will They Win?

On Saturday next the London Schools team will play its first English Cup tie. While the attention of hundreds of thousands of their elders will be concentrated on the eight great F.A. Cup games, the boys of London will be anxiously awaiting news from the quiet town of St. Albans. There the eleven upon whose shoulders the fair fame of metropolitan school football rests will be engaged with Herts and Luton.

London had the choice of ground, but it is so difficult to obtain a suitable field it was decided to offer to play away from home. When it is remembered that should the semi-final stage be reached the match will have to be played in Lancashire—probably at Liverpool—the decision to waive the right of playing at home is a judicious one. For if the Londoners cannot beat Herts and Luton, they certainly would not have much chance against the sturdy Lancastrians.

The revised London team is—Smith (Tottenham), goal; Lawrence (South London), Morris (West Ham), goal; Lizzimore (Islington), Biffen (Tottenham), Pearson (West London), half-backs; Plumb (West London), Pipe (West Ham), Dibb (Tottenham), Perkins (West London), Holloway (South London).

Boys of the Old Brigade.

It was in the season 1899-1900 that we first had a London team, and a really good side it was. Of its members A. Atwood, C. Bird, C. Bradley, S. Dobson and F. Lewis are still playing with the Page Green Old Boys. H. Halse has been quite the rage this season, and L. Shelley occasionally turns out for Fulham.

What has become of F. Bass (Halford), C. Bowden (St. Augustine's), G. Cooper (Cann Hall), A. Field (Hawthorn), and M. St. Peter's, Paddington? In those days our great game was with Leeds, but they were no match for our full strength, and after three or four encounters it was realised that it was useless to continue the fixture. There is not much interest in a game when it is a foregone conclusion that one side will win by a margin of six or seven goals.

Edinburgh, our rivals of the last few seasons, are unable to tackle our really best team, but when we turn out under an onerous limit they can give us a good game, though as yet they have not succeeded in winning.

In the coming Easter week the London boys are to have fresh opponents. Glasgow have at length formed an association, and will place a team in the field against the Metropolitan. It is practically settled that the game will be played at Hampden Park, by the kind permission of the Queen's Park F.C.

Tottenham Finalists.

Tottenham clubs are particularly prominent in the Junior Cup competitions this season. Page Green Old Boys have earned the right to appear in the London Junior final, and I shall be rather surprised if they do not secure the trophy.

Tottenham Park beat Ealing Reserves in the Middlesex Junior semi-final, and will now meet Fulham Amateurs in the final. It should be a convincing struggle, in which either side might win with a little luck.

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WEST BROMWICH ALBION'S AFFAIRS.

The subscription list in response to the appeal of West Bromwich Albion now amounts to £227 8s. 6d. The latest contributions included ten guineas from Everton, two guineas from Stafford Rangers, and ten guineas from Mr. E. Wood, former director of the Albion.

The Albion have arranged to play Small Heath on the latter's ground on February 20, in the final for the Birmingham Cup.

AUSTRALIANS IN NEW ZEALAND.

ACKLAND, Monday.—The first innings of the Australian team in their match against fifteen of Auckland closed to-day for 442 runs. Score—

AUSTRALIA—First Innings.	
Duff, b Hay	49
McLeod, c Haddon b Hay	84
Kelly, b Stenson	10
Hill, b O'H	10
Trumper, c Lusk b Hay	92
Noble, c Lusk b Hay	15
Gehrs, b Lusk	14
Gregory, c McNeil b Lusk	12
Armstrong, not out	37
Hopkins, b O'H	3
Cotter, c Lusk b Stevens	52
Extras	20
Total	442

SPORTING NEWS ITEMS.

The Cambridge University crew, who are at present practising on the home waters, will, on March 13, make Kingston their headquarters.

W. Freeman, who recently played inside right for Lowestoft Town, having had two successful trials with Aston Villa Reserves, has signed on for Aston Villa.

Turnbull, of Manchester City, scored five of the twelve goals recorded by his side in the last season's Cup competition, and has up to the present credited himself with one point in this year's contest.

In a competition on the Canoes golf links, in which each player was allowed to use only two clubs, Mr. Martin L. Burton, of New York, 79 net, and Miss van der Byl, 77 net, were the winners. Miss Rhona Adair, the lady ex-champion, has rapidly recovered her health during her stay at Biarritz.

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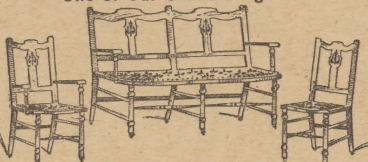
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